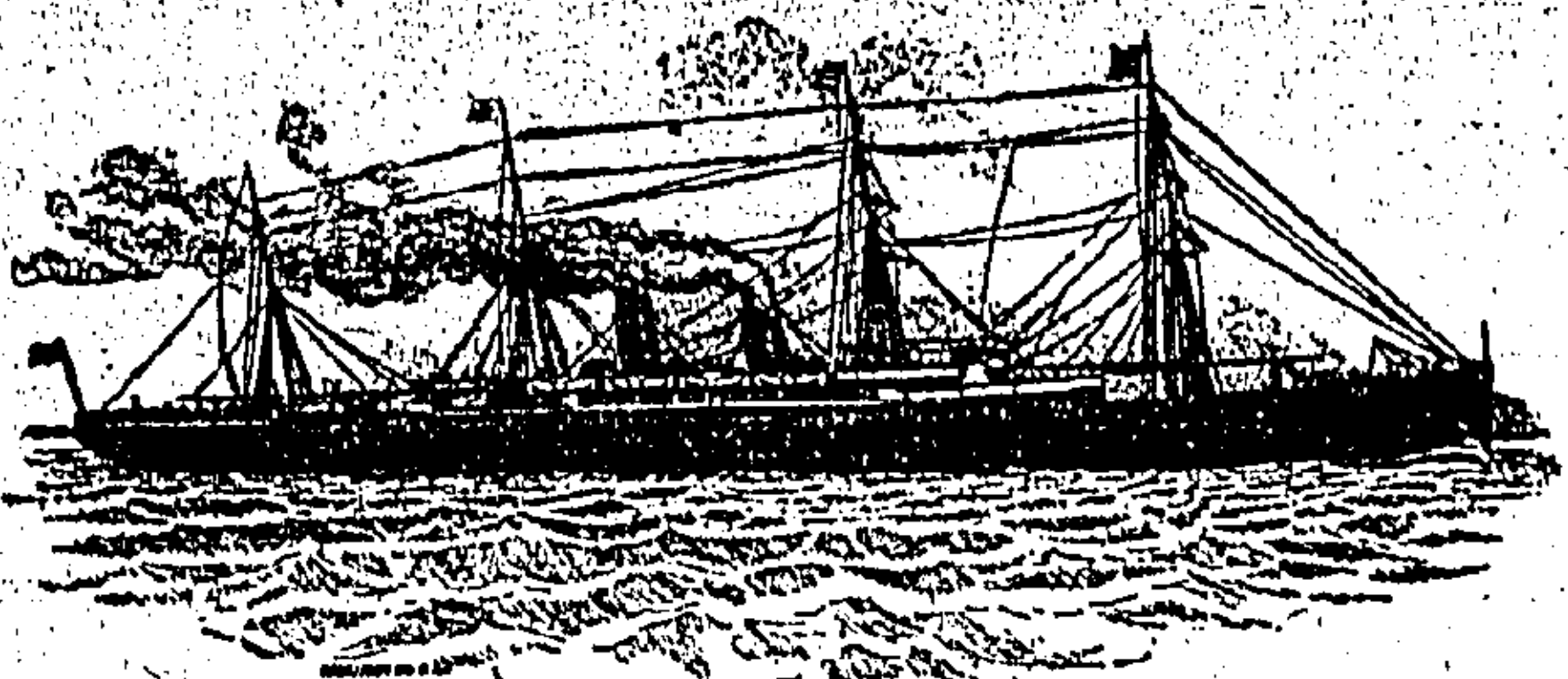


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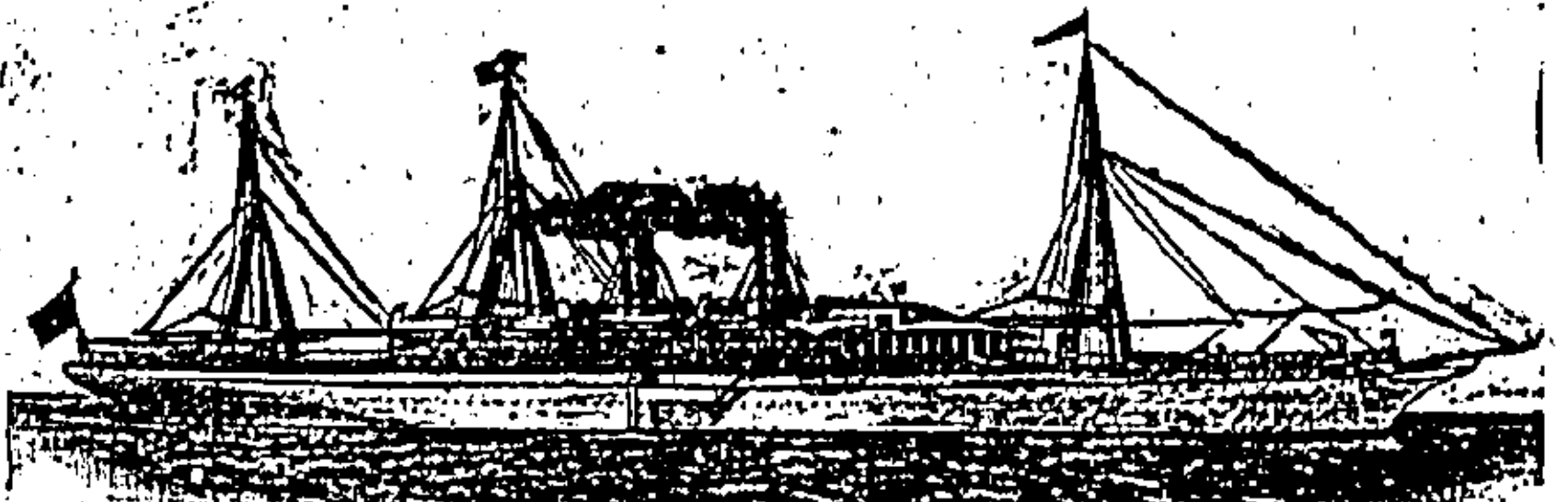
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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

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Hongkong, 6th August, 1902.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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"TARTAR"	Comdr. E. Beetham, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 10th Sept.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 24th Sept.
"ATHENIAN"	Comdr. H. Mowatt	WEDNESDAY, 8th Oct.
EMPRESS OF CHINA	Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 22nd Oct.

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KONIGSBERG	HAVRE & HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	10th Sept.	Freight and Passengers
BAMBERG	HAVRE & HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	24th Sept.	Freight.
FREIBURG	HAVRE & HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	8th Oct.	Freight.
SILVIA	HAVRE & HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	22nd Oct.	Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1902.

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 472 of 1st instant, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, TO-MORROW, the 9th instant.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
T. G. COCHRANE,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
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Acting Manager, Hongkong.

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Manager.

For the GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK,
N. G. EVANS,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1902. [1820d]
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 16th August, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1902.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th July, 1902. [778d]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 2nd, to the 16th day of August next, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th July, 1902. [779d]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Consulate Road, on MONDAY, the 18th August, at 11.15 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th August, both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1902. [793d]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING called for MONDAY, 18th August, has been POSTPONED until further Notice.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th August, 1902. [824d]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 10%, or \$1.50 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this Day, will be PAYABLE at THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after WEDNESDAY, the 6th August, 1902.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for Warrants.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th August, 1902. [819d]

QUEEN-MINES, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, 22nd August, 1902, at 11.45 A.M., when the Resolution, which was passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on Tuesday, 5th August, 1902, will be submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION, namely:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that ARTHUR RYLANDS LOWE, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Chartered Accountant, be, and he is hereby appointed, Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th August, 1902. [834d]

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, 22nd August, 1902, at NOON, when the Subjoined Resolution, which was passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on Tuesday, 5th August, 1902, will be submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION, namely:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that ARTHUR RYLANDS LOWE, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Chartered Accountant, be, and he is hereby appointed, Liquidator, for the purpose of such winding up."

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th August, 1902. [835d]

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 468.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of the Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on
MONDAY,
the 11th day of August, 1902, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.
By Command,
F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 24th July, 1902. [814d]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction, to be held on Monday, the 11th day of August, 1902, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Peak Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.		Boundary Measurements.		Contents in Square feet.		Annual Rent.		Upset Price.	
No. of Sale.	Locality.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1	Peak Road	120	30	30	30	5,800	34	700	

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Registrar, Supreme Court, to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
WEDNESDAY, the 13th August, 1902,
at NOON, on BOARD,
the River Steamer "BAKAN MARU,"
now lying off Wanchai.

For Particulars, apply to S. W. TSO, Esq., Solicitor, or to the Auctioneers.

A Steam Launch will leave Blake Pier, to convey intending Purchasers, at 11.30 A.M.

TERMS:—As Usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 7th August, 1902. [832d]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
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The Vessel will be open to inspection for seven days before date of sale.

Inspecting orders can be obtained from the Auctioneers.

TERMS:—Cash before delivery, 25% of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, balance and the clearance to be effected within seven days after date of sale.

A Launch will leave Murray Wharf at 2 P.M. and 2.45 P.M., on day of sale to convey intending Purchasers.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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N.B.—The Admiralty do not guarantee that the above-named vessel is fit for further sea service.
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1902. [811d]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1902.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Coronation Celebrations.

To-morrow is Coronation Day—the day when Hongkong unites with her sister Colonies in thanksgiving and rejoicing, the day when thoughts turn to the smoky city and the ceremony in the grand old abbey at Westminster. It is an event that has been anticipated for many months, and its realization should be the more enthusiastic now that His Majesty has recovered from the serious illness which necessitated a postponement from the date originally fixed. In Hongkong, our scheme of celebrations had been maturing and all was in readiness for the occasion when the wires announced with awful suddenness that the Coronation was postponed indefinitely owing to the indisposition of the King. The Colony was bewildered. A meeting of the Executive and Legislative Councils was hastily summoned, and a cable despatched to His Majesty expressing the earnest prayer of his loyal and devoted subjects in Hongkong that he might shortly be restored to health. On the day set apart for the Coronation, a thanksgiving service in St. John's Cathedral was turned into one of intercession, and a shadow of gloom was noticeable throughout the Colony. As the days passed by, brighter news was flashed beneath the seas, and at length the home authorities definitely decided to hold the Coronation on August the 9th. Meanwhile, we in Hongkong, have carried out several items of our Coronation programme, and to-morrow's celebration will bring it to a close. The success of the festivities depends almost entirely on the weather, and unless there is a decided change from what it is at the time of writing, there is no reason for disbelieving that Hongkong will rise to the occasion and worthily celebrate, for the first time in its history, the Coronation of its Sovereign. It is gratifying to note that preparations for illuminating the city are progressing rapidly, and that many of the ships in port are bent on contributing a share to the rejoicing. Our representatives in the homeland will be at their post, and we with them will raise a cheer, and join in the acclamations that will go up from every spot of the Empire when its King and Queen are crowned.

Sketches in the Council Chamber.

It would almost appear from yesterday's meeting of our legislative dignitaries that the esthetic craze has drifted out to Hongkong and affected the minds of those representing the community in the transacting of our government affairs. Such notions are all very well in their way and no doubt serve their end; but in meetings of men of business, with lengthy agendas to discuss and punkahs drifting the hot breezes on to their foreheads, it is, to say the least, very tantalising. Burns' "Epistle to a Young Friend" is doubtless admonitory and perhaps appropriate; so are some of the lines in Pope's "Essay on Criticism," but if our legislative measures are to be perfected with lines of verse an earlier hour for the commencement of the meeting will have to be fixed. One of the newly initiated unofficial dignitaries even went so far as to suggest that the standing rules and orders be amplified. Doubtless the Senior Unofficial Member would appreciate the suggestion, seeing that in all his lengthy experience the fifty-eight sections, of which the rules and orders comprise twenty relating to the rules of debate, have been found to be all that is necessary to guide our legislators in a correct procedure in Council. We don't require all these unseemly interruptions on our Council, but should rather bear in mind the time worn motto concerning the doing of one thing at a time. No one will dispute the right of the members from giving their views upon any matter with which they are sufficiently well acquainted and able to speak with weight and authority, but wishing to run, before walking will end in disaster. Until a practical acquaintance with the order of procedure in Council is gleaned it would be well to remember that greater haste calls for a decrease of speed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH will not be published to-morrow.

SIX FATAL CASES OF PLAGUE occurred in the Colony during the twenty-four hours ended at noon to-day.

THE SANITARY BOARD.—Mr. G. A. Woodcock being on leave, the Hon. Dr. F. W. Clark is Acting Secretary.

A BOARD OF TRADE CERTIFICATE has been issued in this Colony to 1,790, William Crobie, for second engineer.

THE KWANGSI TROUBLES.—The rebel movement in Kwangsi province is spreading. There are over 10,000 men out. The rioters menace several public offices.—*Mail.*

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NOT FOR HOME.—We understand that the Japanese girl stowaways refuse deportation, but submit themselves to the penalties of British law.

MORTALITY STATISTICS for the week ended 19th July shows 230 per 1,000 per annum against 169 for the corresponding period of last year. The British and foreign community is 37.0 against 22.3 for the corresponding week last year.

SCRAMBLE FOR PEA NUTS.—A vendor of roasted pea nuts was this morning caught by one of the limbs of the law selling his goods on the sidewalk near Central Market. In arresting the man the basket was capsized into the road and a good scramble ensued.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.—The Harbour Master states that much damage and delay to the work of removing the wrecked *Pakshan* has been caused through the wash of passing vessels. Masters of vessels are cautioned to go as slow as possible when passing in the vicinity of the wreck.

THE LIKEMASHING RETURN for the fortnight ended July 21st shows a total of 5,817 houses likemashed, three exemptions granted, eight prosecutions, and \$ 07 paid in fines. The return for the fortnight ending August 2nd shows, total houses washed 5,817, exemptions 34, prosecutions 6, and fines amounting to \$104.

A RECENT LANDSLIP.—In consequence of the present condition of the Wesleyan Church, owing to the recent landslide, Divine Service will be conducted in the morning at 10.30 and in the evening at 6.30, until further notice, in the Meeting room of the S. & S. Home, Arsenal Street, Praya.

A GOOD TAO-TAI.—It is reported that Tsén Futai is to be removed to Kuangsi. Whatever advantage this may be to the Empire it is a matter of sincere regret to all friends of Shansi, and H. E. Tsén may be sure he will carry with him the grateful respect and good wishes of those foreigners in the province who have been preserved from trouble by his strong and vigorous administration.

ALLEGED BREACH OF TRUST.—It will be remembered that a week ago the Water Police arrested a Japanese on board the s.s. *Pingsan*, in consequence of a wire received in Hongkong from Singapore. When the case was called on this morning before Mr. Hazeland, Insp. Williamson, who was in charge of it, applied for a further remand as he was expecting the witnesses for the prosecution from Singapore.

LINGCH'U AT CHANGTEFU.—It was reported the other day that Ching Ting-pin, the principal chief of the rebels in south-western China, had been captured in Honan on the 7th July last. A Peking dispatch now reports that with Ching was also captured his son, and that both were put to death by the "slicing process," or lingch'ih, on the 19th ultimo in the yamen of the prefect of Changtefu. Liu Lo-sze, the chief lieutenant of Ching Ting-pin, escaped during the melee that followed the capture of Ching.

PERSISTENT PETITIONERS.—About fourteen hundred women belonging to Gumba, Tochigi, and Saitama prefectures, where the pollution caused by the Ashio Copper Mine is most serious, have signed a petition presented to the Minister for Justice asking for the special pardon of Mr. Tanaka Shoro, who is now undergoing a sentence of six weeks' imprisonment for yawning in Court and other indiscretions when the pollution case was heard. Recently the men of that neighbourhood petitioned the Minister on behalf of Mr. Tanaka without avail, but perhaps the importunate women will be more successful.

FUNERAL TUNES.—When the Bands for the Soudanese Regiments were first formed, they played at the first funeral they attended, "Up I come with my little lot," instead of the "Dead March" in *Saul*. The Band of one of the Volunteer Corps, not 100 miles from Madras, says an exchange, the other day, while returning from the funeral of a comrade, played "E dunno wer'e ar'e." According to the Regulations this was bright and tuneful; who will be so cynical as to say that it was appropriate. This was going one better than on a former occasion when a favourite tune on returning to quarters after a funeral was "The girl I left behind me."

THEFT OF AN ORGAN FROM A CHURCH.—The leaders of the Primitive Methodist denomination and the police at Halesowen, Worcestershire, were recently engaged in investigating a mysterious and extraordinary robbery. A night or two previous Shenstone Road Chapel was forcibly entered, and an organ of considerable size was bodily removed. The instrument was seven years ago presented to the congregation worshipping at the chapel, and the generous gift was much appreciated. The mysterious disappearance of the instrument, says a home journal, has caused great indignation in the district, but no tidings of it can be obtained.

PROPOSED EXPLOITATION OF MINES IN CHINKIANG PREFECTURE.—The *Universal Gazette* learns that Sheng Kung-pao recently telegraphed instructions to the Manager of the Chinese Telegraph Administration at Chinkiang to enquire into and make a report on the number of known coal and mineral deposits in the region embraced within the prefecture of Chinkiang which includes the four districts, or hsien, of Tait'u, Taiyang, Chint'an and Liyang. The same paper states that a month has been given the Chinkiang official to compile his report; after which Sheng Kung-pao intends to send a first class mining expert to draw up a technical report on the deposits pointed out preparatory to scientific development in the near future.

THE GOVERNMENT considers that the recommendations are impracticable.

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HONGKONG AND THE CORONATION.

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

Favoured with King's weather, Hongkong's celebration of the Coronation should be a complete success notwithstanding that the programme is somewhat curtailed owing to several of the items having already taken place. There is no doubt that the Colony will have a great influx of visitors from Canton, Macao, Amoy, Swatow and other places, and it is sincerely hoped that in addition to the Coronation Committee, who have done everything to make the celebration a success, private citizens will contribute a share in giving Victoria a festive and gala appearance.

The official programme of to-morrow's celebrations is as follows:—

COUNCIL MEETING.

Special meeting of the Legislative Council at 10.15 to propose a telegram to the King.

CORONATION SERVICE.

There will be a Coronation Service at 11 a.m. in St. John's Cathedral. Those for whom special seats were provided at the recent Intercession Service are invited again to occupy the same on this occasion.

ILLUMINATIONS AND FIREWORKS.

The Town will be illuminated on the evening of Coronation Day. The Government Buildings will be decorated and Private Individuals and the Shipping Companies are invited to join in the illuminations. Bands will play on the Cricket Ground from 7 p.m. till 11.30 p.m.

COMBINED BAND PROGRAMME.

NAME OF BAND.	PIECE.	COMPOSER.
X Do. L. 1.—1. Grand March "A Frangene"	Mario Costa.	
X Do. L. 1.—2. Selection "The Daisy"	John Ford.	
H.K.R.—3. Overture "Light Cavalry"	Suppe.	
X Do. L. 1.—4. Fantasia "Coster Song"	Godfrey.	
H.K.R.—5. Gavotte "Eunice"	Pendere.	
X Do. L. 1.—6. Valse "Sourire d'Avril"	Depret.	
H.K.R.—7. Fantasia "Souvenir de la Russie"	Harris.	
and Part.		
X Do. L. 1.—8. Selection "The Mæstoso"	Ivan Caryll.	
H.K.R.—9. Divertimento "Colonial Melodies"	Kappay.	
X Do. L. 1.—10. Valse "Toreador"	Royal.	
H.K.R.—11. Suite "Peer Gyn"	Edward Grieg.	
X Do. L. 1.—12. Polka "The Jolly Black"	Bucalosi.	
H.K.R.—13. Selection "Reminiscences of all Nations"	Godfrey.	
H.K.R.—14. Valse "La Glorie"	Bucalosi.	

THE FIREWORKS.

Programme of Fireworks, Rockets and Fish Procession.—

9.00 p.m.—Bonquet of Rockets in harbour followed by Fireworks on Law Court Site.

9.30 "—Fish Procession arrives at Queen's Statue.

10.00 "—Rockets followed by Fireworks.

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10.45 "—Rockets.

11.00 "—Rockets followed by Fireworks.

11.30 "—Rockets.

Japanese Fancy Rockets will be fired from a lighter anchored near the "Chequered" buoy, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and between 9 and 11 p.m. The rockets are the gift of the Japanese community.

There will be also a display at intervals of Japanese Fireworks on the Law Court Site.

FISH LANTERN PROCESSION.

On the same evening a Fish Lantern Procession will pass through the Streets by the following route:—

Starting from the Western District it will proceed by way of Queen's Road, Pedders Street, Des Voeux Road, Wardley Street, round the Queen's Statue (arriving there about 9.30 p.m.), Chater Road, Murray Road and thence East by Queen's Road. All householders along this route are invited to illuminate their buildings. The Matched in Chater Road will be reserved for Subscribers to the Coronation Fund. No tickets will be required.

THE CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral:—At 11 a.m. the Coronation office appointed for the Anglican Church throughout the Empire will be performed. The prayers in the office will be those used in Westminster Abbey at the Coronation of King Edward. The Processional Hymn and Introit have been specially written by Mr. A. G. Ward; the Nicene Creed to Stainer's setting; the Anthem, Gadsby's "O Lord our Governor," Litany, Ferriar, and the *Te Deum* by Stanford's. In addition to the organ there will be four brass instruments.

Those for whom special seats were provided at the recent Intercession Service are invited again to occupy the same on this occasion.

Roman Catholic Cathedral:—A special Coronation service will be held at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow in the R. C. Cathedral at Glenalea, and special music will be rendered by a choir assisted by instrumentalists.

Jewish Synagogue:—At 9 a.m. a thanksgiving and Coronation service will be held. "Oseh Leah." Special prayers and psalms of thanksgiving will be rendered.

The followers of Zoroaster:—A special prayer will be said by the Followers of Zoroaster (Parsees) at their premises in Elgin Street, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. H. N. Mody will preside.

PLAGUE PREVENTION.

ALWAYS A RISK.

The plague prevention question relative to Professor Simpson's Memoranda was again discussed at the Sanitary Board this afternoon. Hon. Badoley (minutes)—I have always thought the Medical examination impracticable. Besides no plague patient ever comes to Hongkong if he can help it.

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, minutes.—Until some measures are taken to prevent the introduction of the disease from neighbouring infected towns (I refer more especially to Canton), I do not see how we can expect to keep free of this disease. Even if we succeed in stamping it out of our midst we shall always be exposed to the risk of infection from these towns.

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A QUESTION OF DESTINATION.

SHIP'S MASTER FINED \$500.

The British steamship *Telenachus* left Hongkong for Hoi-how, on the 6th July with 400 Chinese passengers on board. She arrived there the following day, and on the 8th left again for Singapore. The Chinese passengers had tickets issued to Hoi-how, and they were collected before arriving at that port. Instead of disembarking there they proceeded, with other tickets to Singapore. According to Government notification made in pursuance of Section 3 of the Chinese Passengers Act, of 1855 it is declared that a voyage to the Straits Settlement shall be computed to be of nine days duration, and the point for decision in a recent case heard before Mr. Hazeland, in which the master of the *Telenachus* was charged with proceeding to sea on a voyage of more than seven days duration without being provided with a license under the hand of the Governor and the seal of the Colony, was, to Mr. Hazeland's opinion, whether the *Telenachus*, on the 6th July proceeded to sea on a voyage to Singapore or to Hoi-how. He found that it was a voyage to Singapore, and fined the master of the ship \$500, or six months imprisonment with hard labour.

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A SPECIAL PLAGUE STAFF.

An elaborate scheme for organising a special plague staff was considered at to-day's meeting of the Sanitary Board. Provision in the plan is made for usefully employing the proposed plague staff when there is no human plague in the Colony, and this includes a well-manned crusade of rat catchers.

The following are the minutes:—
Mr. Lau Chu Pak.—I see fumigation is not provided for. It must have proved ineffectual. 4, 5, 7 and latter part of 8 of the directions for general cleaning, as now recommended by the M. O. H. are, I understand, only applied to infected houses, and should therefore be given separately. If lumped together unnecessarily hardship will be inflicted through misunderstanding by the public.

Mr. Fung Wa Chuen.—The directions should only be applied to infected premises. The word "infectant" is too general.

The Medical Officer of Health.—The directions alluded to are stated to be subject to the discretion of the Supervising Medical Officer, of whom there are to be two, specially for plague work, i.e. in addition to the present two—they are not applied solely to premises on which a case of plague has occurred, which is what I suppose Messrs. Lau Chu Pak and Fung Wa Chuen mean by infected premises. The scheme was approved.

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON ARRIVALS FROM MACAO.

The Hon. Dr. Clark recommended the Sanitary Board, at their meeting this afternoon, to remove the restrictions imposed upon arrivals from Macao, as cholera appears to have ceased to prevail at that Port.

The Board decided to adopt the suggestion.

THE POST OFFICE.

On the occasion of the Coronation of His Majesty the King on Saturday next, the 9th inst. the Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m. only.

Correspondence for Local delivery may be posted up to 9 a.m. on that day. The Night Box will be kept open during the time the office is closed.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holiday.

THE ARMY.

The R. I. M. *Clive* sailed for Calcutta this afternoon.

THE NAVY.

H. M. S. *Rubin* has been ordered to pay off at Hongkong when the relief crew arrives. She went into the Kowloon Dock yesterday. H. M. S. *Stirling*, at Shanghai, will be recommissioned on the arrival of her new crew. H. M. S. *Brilliant*.—The death is reported of leading Stoker John. Author of H. M. S. *Brilliant*, which took place recently at Wuhu from fever. He was buried with full naval honours.

H. M. S. *Pique*.—While at sea on board H. M. S. *Pique*, Arthur Greenman, an A.D., was stricken with heat apoplexy and died shortly afterwards.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

French (*Tonkin*) 10th inst.
American (*Doris*) 13th inst.
Indian (*Laisang*) 14th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 17th inst.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 21st inst.
Tacoma (*Tadar*) 30th inst.

The A. L. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Chien* left Kobe via Moli for this port yesterday 7th inst. The D. & Co's steamer *Lorcher Castle* from New York and Straits arrived at Manila on the 6th inst.

The J. M. & Co's steamer *Laisang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port yesterday 7th inst. at 11 a.m.

The M. M. Co's steamer *Tonkin* with and next French Mail, left Saigon yesterday 7th inst. at 3 p.m. instead of at 5 p.m. as previously notified and she is expected here on Sunday next at noon.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The King's Progress.

LONDON, August 6th.

His Majesty King Edward will arrive in London to-day, and drive to Buckingham Palace in an open carriage.

The Shanghai Garrison.

Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, in a letter to the *Times*, thoroughly agrees with his esteemed friend Liu-kun-yi, Viceroy of Nanking, that the time has come for the withdrawal of all troops from Shanghai, whose occupation was only intended to be temporary.

The Likin Question.

General Sharrett, United States Special Tariff Commissioner in China, has announced at Shanghai that he is opposed to the abolition of likin and the substitution of a surtax, which he declares will prove disastrous to all nations, and especially to America.

LATER.

Their Majesties in London.

Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra left Cowes for London to-day in a royal salute. On arriving at Victoria, Their Majesties entered an open carriage, being favoured by a temporary cessation of the downpour, and drove by a circuitous route at a walking pace to Buckingham Palace, the utmost enthusiasm being displayed by the people the whole of the way. The King walked from the royal yacht to the train, and from the train to the carriage, his easy bearing creating a most favourable impression.

Kruger and Steyn.

Ex-President Kruger of the late Transvaal Republic has paid a visit to Ex-President Steyn of the late Orange River Free State. The doctors in attendance on the latter limited the interview to two minutes.

Chinese Affairs.

In the House of Commons, Viscount Cranborne said that Great Britain had made a proposal to the Powers to lighten the burden of the indemnity to China, and also for the evacuation of Shanghai, but in regard to the latter, it was impossible for us to act alone, and we must in all respects have favoured nation treatment.

TYPHOON WARNING.

In his daily report issued this afternoon, Mr. F. G. Figg states:—
On the 8th at 11:50 a.m. Red Drum lowered.
The typhoon seems to be slowly moving Northwards near N. Formosa. It has apparently filled up to some extent by contact with the island.
Barometer falling over the E. coast of China, rising in Formosa and over the Philippines.
Forecast:—moderate to fresh W. and S.W. winds; squally, thundershowers.

PENSIONS TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

THE PAY OF OUR CIVIL SERVANTS.

A LACK OF INFORMATION.

Yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council was not unproductive of good "copy" from a newspaper point of view notwithstanding the fact that the discussion of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance was postponed till the arrival of Sir Henry Blake. The meeting was proceeding smoothly enough until the first reading of the Rating Ordinance was in progress, when the Hon. Shewan awoke to the fact that another item on the agenda respecting the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund had been passed, and the following discussion ensued:

Hon. Shewan:—I rise to a point of order; No. 4 does not appear to have come up.

Hon. Thomson:—I explained it.

Hon. Shewan:—Excuse me, I am addressing the President of the Council. No. 4 does not seem to have come up yet.

Hon. Shewan:—Yes, sir.

Hon. Shewan:—I thought you heard that the Colonial Treasurer explained that the report of the Finance Committee included the resolution in it.

Hon. Shewan:—No, sir; with regard to No. 4 I did not hear him say that. I had an amendment to move to No. 4.

Hon. Shewan:—Well, I thought it was understood.

Hon. Shewan:—It was not understood by me, sir.

Hon. Sir H. S. Berkeley:—We could go back to No. 4 after we dispose of this item (No. 5).

Hon. Shewan:—Yes, we can go back to it. The Council then proceeded to consider No. 5 of the agenda.

The Rating Ordinance was then taken, after which His Excellency, addressing the Hon. Shewan, said:—I thought you understood—I beg your pardon for not having spoken a little plainer—but I thought you understood that the Colonial Treasurer mentioned that this item was also included in the report of the Finance Committee, and therefore if that were adopted, I took it for granted that we should adopt the whole thing. I think perhaps the best plan would be for you to move your amendment now.

Hon. Shewan:—Then, sir, I beg to move that the Government inform Mr. Secretary Chamberlain that while agreeing to the resolution, the unofficial members deprecate such

an extension of grants, and think that any assistance to Civil servants of this kind should take the form of an increase of salaries. I do not oppose this resolution, for nobody has more sympathy than I for widows and orphans, but I do regret the form this resolution takes. In the first place, we have no information as to how and why this fund is formed, who subscribe to it and who do not, whether all Civil servants subscribe to it or not, and why we should be asked to subscribe such a large proportion as 1s. 3d. on the dollar, while Ceylon only pays 2d. on the rupee—about 12½ per cent. In the second place, I do not see why the widows and orphans of the Civil servants of this Colony should be thrown on the charity of this Colony. We either pay our Civil servants properly or we do not, and if we do they should be able to put by enough to insure their lives for the benefit of their widows and orphans. If we are not paying them enough, we had better increase their salaries and be done with it. Now, there are a good many Scotsmen round this table—(Hon. Thomson:—Hear, hear)—and they will recollect that a great poet has said—

"To gather gear by every wile
That's justified by honour;
Not for to hide it in a hedge,
Nor for a train attendant;
But for the glorious privilege
Of being independent."

Now, sir, I do not think that this grant at all strengthens that principle; it is entirely subversive of the principle of independence, and tends to make a man, not independent, but dependent, and I submit that any man who deserves the name of man should be proud to support his own wife and children, and not leave them dependent on the charity of this Colony. With these remarks, sir, I beg to move the amendment I have already read.

Hon. Playfair seconded.

Hon. Thomson:—I explained in Finance Committee that this question affected Civil servants, and that therefore they were not allowed to vote on it, and will not do so when the amendment is put. With regard to the remarks of the hon. member, he seems to attack the whole system of pensions. These are pensions for the widows and orphans of public officers and every public officer joining the Service after a certain date has got to contribute to the fund. The resolution before the Finance Committee means simply to enable these pensions to be paid in England at a certain rate of exchange. There is now only one such pension payable, but it is impossible for me to tell how many there may be payable in the future and therefore I cannot give any indication of what sum will in future be involved, but I should imagine it will not be a very large one.

Hon. Shewan:—Then, sir, I beg to give notice that I will ask at the next meeting of Council that the despatch from Mr. Chamberlain to the Colonial Government, No. 33 of 1902, which has been laid on the table to-day, be published in the *Gazette*.

Hon. Spencer Berkeley:—You withdraw the amendment you have already moved, do I understand?

Hon. Shewan:—No, the amendment has been seconded.

Hon. Spencer Berkeley:—I thought you withdrew it.

Hon. Shewan:—No, I have obtained no information in answer to my enquiries.

Hon. Shewan:—The amendment that has been proposed by the hon. member is as follows: "That the Government inform Mr. Secretary Chamberlain that while agreeing to the resolution, the unofficial members deprecate such extensions of grants, and think that any assistance to Civil servants of this kind should take the form of an increase of salaries." By the wording of this, I understand you agree to the resolution?

Hon. Shewan:—Certainly, sir; I do not oppose the resolution. I said that at the beginning.

Hon. Thomson:—It is in the form of a rider to the resolution.

Hon. R. Murray Rumsey:—Sir, I rise to order. I do not think the official members are able to vote on this.

Hon. Spencer Berkeley:—The proper way would be for the unofficial members to protest, or to add a rider. I do not know whether the point has ever arisen in this Council, but I know that in other Councils in which I have sat, and they have been very many, the protest was usually laid down in the form of a despatch from the unofficial members.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai:—I think, sir, the practice of this Council is very much the same as has been represented by the Hon. Attorney-General. So far as this matter is concerned, I, the Senior Unofficial Member, have heard nothing of it until this day, and in former times it has been the custom for the unofficial members to meet together and resolve upon something of the kind and then notify it to the Governor as an expression of opinion. If the hon. member on my right wished to bring this matter forward I should have been pleased to consult with him.

Hon. Playfair:—I speak on behalf of the hon. member on my right when I say that in apology we must plead being new members entirely ignorant of any custom as to consulting the Senior Unofficial Member, and I am very sorry we did not do so. While I am on the subject, sir—if I am speaking within my rights—it seems to me as a new member coming here that the standing rules and orders are very incomplete, and I would appeal to the Attorney-General to ask if he cannot out of his lengthened experience give us something better.

Hon. Shewan:—Then I would like to know how the matter stands. I can scarcely, I think, receive it, however much I might wish to do so.

At the Attorney-General has pointed out, the proper way would be to draw up a protest, which this virtually is, against what you think wrong; but I think this can hardly be accepted as an amendment.

Hon. Shewan:—That being so, sir, I beg to withdraw the amendment, and my second is willing to follow the same course. I only brought it up in order to ventilate the matter, because I did not think it right that the unofficial members should be asked to vote away money without knowing how much they were voting. I now beg to give notice of the motion already standing in my name.

Hon. Shewan:—To what does the hon. member refer—the despatch from Mr. Chamberlain about the Widows' and Orphans' Fund?

Hon. Shewan:—Yes to have it published in the *Gazette*.

Hon. R. M. Rumsey:—I take it, sir, that if anything is done with that despatch it will be laid on the table, not published in the papers?

Hon. Thomson:—It has already been published in the *Gazette*, a fortnight ago.

Hon. Shewan:—It was laid on the table at the last meeting of Council, at which I think the member was not present.

Hon. Shewan:—If it has already been published in the *Government Gazette*, I apologise for the trouble I am causing.

Hon. Thomson:—It has been published.

Hon. Shewan:—Then I understand the hon. member to withdraw this?

Hon. R. Shewan:—Yes, sir.

Hon. R. M. Rumsey:—We appear, sir, to be suffering from a want of information.

GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSE DAMAGED.

BY THE TYPHOON.

A telegram was received by Government Officials yesterday, stating that Gap Rock lighthouse had suffered in the recent typhoon. We understand that the damage is considerable, and that the crane for receiving stores was seriously damaged.

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

A CAPITAL SUGGESTION.

The Hon. Dr. Clark (Medical Officer of Health) sent the following proposal, dated 8th inst., to the President of the Sanitary Board and it was brought forward at the meeting this afternoon:—

"I recommend that the Board authorise Inspector Robert MacEwen, Inspector of Markets, to enter any shop or premises used for the sale or preparation for sale, or for the storage of food, to inspect and examine any food therein which he shall have reason to believe is intended to be used as human food, and in case any such food appears to him to be unfit for such use, to seize the same and convey it to this office for inspection by the Medical Officer of Health or the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. Should the food prove in the opinion of such officer to be unfit for human food the Board have the power under section 21 of Ordinance 13 of 1901 to order it to be destroyed and may prosecute the person in whose possession such food was found."

Agreed.

R. E. V. CLUB.

LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE.

In consequence of the recent successful theatricals given by the Royal Engineers Variety Club, the above initials are familiar to all, and everyone looks forward to another performance. Regarding last night's entertainment, it was a repetition of their two previous ones, the only difference being that in consequence of additional practice the company excelled themselves. The weather, being fine, they were welcomed by a full house.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

DARING ROBBERY.

CANTON, August 5th.
A daring robbery occurred last night just outside of the East Gate of the city. Perhaps some of your readers may question whether there was any daring when it was only a guard house that was robbed. This guard house is situated just at the east side of the parade ground. Twenty soldiers spend their time there and gambling seems to be their chief occupation. Last night about eleven o'clock the place was surrounded by a band of robbers variously estimated at from one to two hundred. The soldiers were overpowered and every thing the guard house contained was carried away. The rifles were good ones and each soldier had a good belt full of cartridges. There is no doubt it was the arms and ammunition that these robbers were after. This is the way they supply themselves with arms. It is more than probable that the soldiers were in collusion with the robbers.

TIENTSIN DAY BY DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TIENTSIN, July 26th.

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beyond Shan-hai-kwan families will be loath to stay out there once the days begin to draw in.

NOTHING OFFICIAL is as yet stated about the City, but the Chinese officials are beginning to come in and a general buzz of preparation is taking place among the Chinese, while the T.P.G. Departments are quietly cutting their garment to suit their cloth and waiting events.

Yuan Shi-kai has deposited Tls. 360,000 in the Chartered Bank in connection with the expenses of taking over, and it is vaguely explained the money is intended for "flowers and furniture" which probably means presents to sundry and various to smooth the way of return, for Yuan is probably quite as well aware as anyone else, that the transfer back to Chinese Government is not universally popular. He must be well aware that for actual expenses no funds are required in Tientsin as the T.P.G. will have a very handsome surplus to hand to His Excellency, or Chinese-like perhaps he cannot believe it possible that we shall be such fools as to leave him anything.

Yuan is expected here about the 15th of next month. Prince Su has recently paid him a very secret visit at Paoing in *cajo*, and much speculation is rife as to the purpose of such a visit, the more especially as Prince Su is just now on the sick list. The native papers go into great particulars respecting his trip even to describing his plain attire and the fact that he carried a black leather bag! Secret visits and despatches have been rather the order of the day of late, and considerable movement of some kind in Government circles is suggested thereby.

THE INCREASED TARIFF.

Memorials have been sent in to the Throne about the abolition of likin and increase of tariff pointing out that though the former would represent a loss to the revenue of 15 or 16 millions, the latter would mean an increase of 23 millions. The Throne has accordingly signified approval that the change should take place within the next two years, and those who have the scheme at heart are full of hope that it may now be carried through. With all the talk going on about the marvellous benefits which will accrue from the increased tariff no word reaches us as to how China guarantees the abolition of likin, or by what means mortal mind can tell what happens once the goods are beyond the customs ken and away in the interior. Can any Chinese official be ever so high-minded and well intentioned guarantee a bale of goods against taxation in transit a couple of hundred miles away? Is it enough to pronounce a thing illegal in China to ensure its not being practiced? It was not so long ago that imperial edicts abolished purchase of office; but in certain places the time-honoured custom was maintained with the result that Yuan fired by ambition to participate in the handsome profits being made openly re-established the offices, though the edict of abolition has never been cancelled. So and so would it be with the "abolished" likin. China cannot give a guarantee, and however much we may talk of it as an "experiment," once the tariff is raised it would not be lowered again, and it would simply mean a deliberate handicapping of trade in haste which would be deeply deplored at leisure.

TAO MU.

At a recent audience with a member of the Grand Council the Dowager is said to have complained that while apparently the best men were chosen for Viceroyships, in times of danger and difficulty they invariably shirked their responsibilities and left everything to the Central Government. Tao Mu had proved rather an exceptional Viceroy in this respect and she regretted his resignation. She also pressed to be told the truth in regard to this, and at last asked straight whether it was not in consequence of his having memorialized against the eunuchs. The Grand Councilman while endeavouring to evade this cross-questioning gave himself away by his very confusion and the astute E.D. drew her own conclusions.

RUSSIA AND THIBET.

I notice that the idea of any Russian encroachment on Thibet is laughed at by the *Japan Mail* which by the way is never easily convinced that Russia intends to do anything antagonistic to the interests of others. The fact of the secret agreement with China over Thibet is strongly believed here, and the publication of the said agreement clause by clause appears to support the idea. There is no more reason to believe this Thibet agreement a fraud than there was to call the Casini Convention such. I forget whether I have already sent you the particulars as published locally, but do so now.

1. Chinese Government realizing the weakness of the country relinquishes the whole of China's interest in Thibet to Russian exchange for her support in maintaining China's integrity.

2. When Russia has secured her position in Thibet she pledges herself to support China's interests.

3. Any trouble in the interior of China which she finds herself unable to suppress Russia will put down for her.

4. Russia will henceforth establish all Government offices in Thibet and assume control of affairs.

5. China will have the privilege of appointing Consuls to Thibet.

6. Russia will protect all Chinese trading in Thibet.

7. Chinese criminals escaping to Thibet will be arrested by Russia and sent back to China.

8. Chinese goods imported into Thibet will be duty free or lightly taxed.

9. Russian officials in Thibet will not be allowed to oppress the Thibetians.

10. Russia will not forcibly introduce the Christian religion.

11. All mines and railways will be in Russian hands, but Chinese will be allowed to participate.

12. Russian Government when building railways or making forts will not demolish temples or disturb sacred places.

THE S. S. "MUNCHEN."

A BIG JOB.

One of the largest ship repairs ever attempted in Shanghai was on Saturday last brought to a successful issue by the *S. S. Munchen* going down river, says the *N. C. D. News* of the 31st ult. It will be remembered that this steamer stranded south of Hongkong, and at the time was considered a hopeless loss, but was ultimately floated and taken into Hongkong. The then owners, considering the extent of repairs necessary to put the ship in a first class condition very heavy, decided to put up the steamer for sale, and she was immediately bought in by our local Dock Company.

A naval architect and an engineer were immediately despatched from S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Limited, who arranged with the Hongkong Dock Company for temporary repairs to enable the ship to proceed to Shanghai. These repairs being completed, the vessel was got under weigh and proceeded to Shanghai, which port she reached in less than three days.

No time was lost in docking her in the Cosmopolitan Dock, when it was found that the whole of the bottom part of her sternpost was carried away with all the shell plating for about fifty (50) feet forward, while about 200 feet of the midship bottom plating and bilge plating, with all the attached inside frame work including the keel, was stove up about 9 inches. The stem and side-plating attached was also badly damaged. The work of cutting out broken, buckled and bent frames, plate, keelsons, and floors was soon under way, and a new sternpost, the largest ever made in Shanghai, was put in hand at the International Dock, and when finished fitted into its place perfectly. The stem was straightened in place, and the whole of the bottom work was hurried on to keep the dock open for general work. Meanwhile the deckwork had been receiving attention, as also the engines and boilers, with all piping, pumping, heating, ventilating and refrigerating plants. The steamer from keel to truck has been thoroughly overhauled, which necessitated fitting new ceilings in all the holds and bunkers, while the steamer's five decks have been repaired and put in first class condition.

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The steamer is intended for cargo principally, but the above accommodation with auxiliaries for the comfort of passengers, leaves nothing to be desired.

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A REPORTED INSURRECTION.

REBEL FLAG HOISTED.

News has been received from Nanking that Viceroy Liu K'un-yi has been informed by the district magistrate of Changhsinghsien, Kiangsu, to the effect that a body of over 800 desperadoes have hoisted the flag of rebellion in the hill country known as Wu'ung-shan (Dryandra Hill), which touches the borders of Ch'ianghsien, Ch'ekiang province, Kuang-chow, Anhui province, and the above named Changhsinghsien, belonging to this province of Kiangsu. Further that Viceroy Liu had telegraphed to the Governors of Ch'ekiang and Anhui to send troops to the border country named at once, and there join a force which the Viceroy intended to dispatch on the 1st inst.

DEPOSITION OF H.I.M. KUANG HSU.

THE DRAGON THRONE ENDANGERED.

A Mandarin of high rank temporarily residing in Shanghai has received the following communication from a friend in Peking—It is believed by a large majority of people connected with the various Boards here that the Emperor's opponents are again trying to revive the question of the deposition of His Majesty from the Dragon Throne, the Emperor's principal enemies being the Grand Secretary Yung Lu and the notorious favourite eunuch of the Empress Dowager, Li Lien-ying. Since Yung Lu's added debt obtained by the betrothal of his daughter to Prince Chun, the Emperor's younger brother, and that of his (Yung Lu's) niece to Prince Pu Lun, 4th Order ("Lun Peitze" as he is generally styled), who is the legal heir to the Throne by right of juniority of descent, that Grand Secretary is more than ever anxious to put some one near him in place of Kuang Hsu on the Imperial Throne of China. But Yung Lu is fearful of stirring up a hornet's nest if he does so and therefore looks about him for strong supporters, who

WHEN THE CRISIS COMES TO PASS, will be able to overawe not only the nobles but also officials and the masses into submission. He has the Empress Dowager to keep the princes and nobles in subjection; he himself and the infamous eunuch, Li Lien-ying

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who alone can count hundreds of officials of all ranks throughout the country who look up to him as their sponsor and protector—hope to keep mandarinism in order, but the last and by no means the least measure, namely, the subjection of the army and the masses to his deposition scheme, it is generally believed in Peking has been attained by the arrival at a secret understanding with China's dominant neighbour on the Northern frontier. It is this last which, according to the Peking communication in question, is greatly disturbing the minds of all thoughtful men. For the

POWERFUL ASSISTANCE which will be required to protect the Grand Secretary and his friends from those who are loyal to the Emperor, the powers that be have consented to place Tibet under the "protection" of Russia, which is another way of saying that Russia will in the future be looked upon as the Protector of Lama Buddhism. Finally, it is further stated in Peking that should the Empress Dowager and Yung Lu's second-coup d'état pass off without a hitch and they manage by means of the powerful protection at hand to keep their seats, they are credited with having given the promise, as a quid pro quo, to place all Mongolia and Chinese Turkestan on the same basis as Manchuria, namely, place these two territories at the sole pleasure of Russia to exploit at will.—*N. C. D. News*.

CORAL REEF NEAR KOBE.

A coral reef has been discovered two ri off Kuki Kishu, says the *Kobe Chronicle*. This is further north than usual, coral reefs not being as a rule found beyond a distance of 1,500 miles from the Equator, as it is considered essential to the life of the animal that the temperature of the water should not fall below 66° or 68° F. From the Kishu reef about 100 *kwanms*, or about 100 lbs., of red and white corals have already been gathered, the largest piece being about nine inches in circumference and weighing over two pounds. The quality of the coral is said to be very good.

OPUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 8th August.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
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" BENARES @ 915
NEW MALWA @ 970/1010
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To-day's Advertisements.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

MASTERS of Vessels are cautioned to go AS SLOW AS POSSIBLE when passing in the vicinity of the Wreck of the *S. S. "PAKSHAN"*, off the Saitors' Hook.

Much damage

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected Sailings" are now published in these columns and in so doing respectfully urge the managers of the shipping firms to give orders to their clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already supplied gratis, with the latest available information every day.

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